

REMARKS

In order to expedite prosecution of the subject application, applicants have further amended the claims presented in the June 9, 2005 preliminary amendment so that they are identical in scope to the claims which were allowed in applicants' copending application No. 10/647,243 by Examiners Karen Cochrane Carlson and Marsha M. Tsay. For the Examiner's convenience, copies of the Interview Summary dated October 24, 2005 and Examiner's Amendment which accompanied the Notice of Allowance dated November 3, 2005 in Application No. 10/647,243 are appended. Applicants did not pay the issue fee in Application No. 10/647,243, thus abandoning that application to pursue instead the present application because the present application claims the priority of a French application filed prior to the international filing date for the present national phase application. Application No. 10/647,243 was not filed in time to claim the French priority date.

To further expedite prosecution, applicants present the following concordance of the claims allowed in Application No. 10/647,243 and the instant claims as amended hereinabove:

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The claims in the two applications are identical except for the fact that the subject matter of Claim 12 of Application No. 10/647,243, which was a multiple dependent claim, is claimed in two singly dependent claims, Claims 11 and 27, in the present application.

In view of the foregoing, early, favorable action on the subject application is believed to be in order and is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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